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were unable to make the payments on...the monthly payments, which averaged approximately \$120 per month. The...and then Mr. Moeller (phonetic) passed away on August 25, 1993, and at the time of his death there was an amount due and owing and there was...there was some money paid on the past-due account, but by the time they had taken the...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Widow's home and everything else she possessed, there was still \$486...

SENATOR ABBOUD: Yeah, that's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...left so they decided to write that off?

SENATOR ABBOUD: That's correct. And Mrs. Moeller (phonetic), actually Mrs. Moeller (phonetic) made the request that it be written off and we have a letter here from Mrs. Moeller (phonetic) and she is currently living in the Norfolk Nursing Center in Norfolk, Nebraska, and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That...now, Senator...

SENATOR ABBOUD: ...she has no money, so...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Abboud, what I would ask you, did they really go after some of her possessions after he died in attempting to recoup this money, if you know?

SENATOR ABBOUD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: 'Cause I was hoping that I was being facetious.

SENATOR ABBOUD: No, they did. It states in the letter that...or in the file here that...her total income was \$951.68, which goes to her nursing home bill except for \$40, which is allowed for her personal needs on a monthly basis. She did have, on September 4, 1996, she...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ABBOUD: ...she gave permission to transfer \$303.11 from